The Draft Agriculture Policy Resolution seeks to provide policy framework for agricultural development at macro-level, to guide the formulation of specific sub-sectoral|sub-regional programmes. The Draft includes reference to horticulture and developing areas of untapped potential including hilly regions.

Self-sufficiency in Foodgrains

529. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all States are expected to attain self-sufficiency in foodgrains by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the States which would not attain self-sufficiency in foodgrains and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) During the Eighth Five Year Plan it has been maintained that food security and relative self-sufficiency in food production is a strategically desirable long term goal for the country.

The strategy of agricultural development during the Eighth Five Year Plan aims at achieving self-sufficiency in foodgrains for the country as a whole and not on State-wise basis as self-sufficiency in foodgrains in all States may not provide optimal crop mix.

Joint venture for seed production

530. SHRI S. MADHVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the American seed companies want to have joint ventures in India for seed productiin and export; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. After the announcement of New Industrial Policy, Department of Industrial Development have approved ies namely, M/s Agrigenetics USA, M/s Strayer Seed, USA and M/s Pioneer Overseas Corpn., USA for joint ventures with Indian companies for seed production in India.

गेहूं की खेती के लिए प्रयुक्त की जा रही भूमि

531. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय, राज्यवार, कुल कितनी भूमि पर गेहूं की खेती की जा रही है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले कुछ वर्षों के दौरान गेहूं के उत्पादन में कमी आई है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या गेहूं के उत्पादन को बढ़ाने हेतु किसानों को ; प्रोत्साहन दिए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं तो, इस संबंध में किये जाने वाले उपायों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) 1992–93 के दौरान गेहूं की खेती के अंतर्गत शामिल किये जाने वाले संभावित क्षेत्रों का राज्यवार ब्यौरा निम्नलिखित है :—

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